

Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title: Flood Corridor Program (FCP)
2. Lead Agency/Department for Program: Dept. of Water Resources/Division of Flood Management
3. Brief Description of Program:

The Flood Corridor Program is a local assistance program focused on flood-risk reduction using nonstructural methods integrated with habitat and agricultural conservation to restore the beneficial values and functions of flood corridors. The Flood Corridor Program provides funds statewide through both direct expenditures and grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations as authorized by Propositions 13, 84 and 1E. This includes \$28.5M in funding for Central Valley Nonstructural Grants under Proposition 1E.

4. Purpose and Objectives of Program:

The purpose of the Flood Corridor Program is to fund projects to acquire, restore, enhance and protect real property using primarily nonstructural flood risk-reduction solutions such as setting back levees, creating detention basins, restoring floodplains, and removing at-risk structures from flood-prone areas. Projects must conserve wildlife habitat, agriculture, or both, in and near flood corridors. Central Valley Nonstructural Grants are specifically to be used for non-urban projects that reduce flood risk for areas protected by the State Plan of Flood Control facilities.

5. Timeline for Program Objectives:

The Flood Corridor Program began in 2000 after passage of Proposition 13 and continued with passage of Propositions 84 and 1E. The Program will continue through 2016 or until \$77.5M in bond funding is exhausted. Most projects are contracted in a 3-year timeframe.

6. Current Status of Program: In progress. The Program funded 28 projects for \$88M statewide covering 13,000 acres of nonstructural flood-risk reduction. This includes 20 projects for \$62M from Proposition 13 and 8 projects (\$25M) from Proposition 84. The Program's third solicitation for competitive grant proposals was released in December, 2010 and, after extensive review, a public release of the preliminary selection of projects to be funded is anticipated in the fall of 2011.
7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Budget for Program: The Program funded 28 projects for \$88M statewide covering 13,000 acres of nonstructural flood-risk reduction. This includes 20 projects (\$62M) from Proposition 13 and 8 projects (\$25M) from Proposition 84. Up to \$77.5M in bond funds are authorized under Propositions 84 and 1E for new competitive grants and direct expenditures.
9. URL, if a Website is Available: <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/>

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10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program? Yes, new projects include a hydraulic and hydrologic model (H&H) analysis, environmental compliance documentation, and monitoring and reporting to ensure that project goals and objectives are achieved including addressing unanticipated issues.

11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program:

Key elements and criteria of Flood Corridor Program projects include:

- Up to \$5M in funds per project,
- Minimum 10% non-federal, non-state matching funding required (5% for disadvantaged communities and 0% for severely disadvantaged communities),
- Nonstructural flood-risk reduction approach required,
- Agricultural and/or wildlife habitat conservation benefit required,
- Structural components cannot exceed 20% of program funds without written approval from the Department Director,
- A minimum of 50% of project benefit area must be in a 100-year floodplain,
- Project must be consistent with other planning efforts (e.g., Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, San Joaquin River restoration, USACE feasibility study).

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Please return your completed questionnaire to Gina Ford (gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov) no later than October 6, 2011.